

HOUSE BILL No. 1249

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-17-16

Synopsis: Indiana children's trust fund. Makes the commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee a voting member of the board of the Indiana children's trust fund. (Current law provides that the commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee is a nonvoting adviser to the board). Gives the board the authority to hire its own staff. Changes the number of board members necessary for a quorum from five to six. Makes a vote by the majority of the board members present at a meeting in which a quorum exists necessary in order for the board to take action. Allows money from the Indiana children's trust fund, not to exceed \$75,000, to be used to employ staff for the board.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17-16-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 5. (a) The Indiana
3 children's trust fund board is established.

4 (b) The purpose of the board is to determine whether proposed
5 projects under this chapter should be approved and to perform other
6 duties given to the board by this chapter. The board shall approve
7 projects and recommend to the division that the projects receive funds
8 under sections 12 and 13.5 of this chapter.

9 (c) The board shall, before January 1 of each year, prepare a budget
10 for expenditures from the fund for the following state fiscal year. The
11 budget must contain priorities for expenditures from the fund to
12 accomplish the projects that have been approved under this chapter.
13 The budget shall be submitted to the division and the budget
14 committee.

15 **(d) The board may employ staff necessary to carry out the**
16 **duties of the board.**

17 SECTION 2. IC 12-17-16-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



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FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 6. The board consists of the following ten (10) members:

(1) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with advice from the minority leader of the senate.

(2) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with advice from the minority leader of the house of representatives.

(3) The director of the division or the director's designee.

(4) Four (4) individuals appointed by the governor as follows:

(A) One (1) individual who represents the general public.

(B) Two (2) individuals who represent child advocacy organizations.

(C) One (1) individual who represents the medical community.

(5) The commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee. ~~to serve in a nonvoting, advisory capacity.~~

SECTION 3. IC 12-17-16-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 8. (a) The board shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chair.

(b) ~~Five (5)~~ **Six (6)** voting members of the board constitute a quorum. **The board may take action only in the presence of a quorum.**

(c) The affirmative vote of ~~five (5)~~ **a majority** of the members of the board **present and voting** is necessary for the board to take any action.

SECTION 4. IC 12-17-16-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 13. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), money in the fund may be used for projects that propose to accomplish the following:

(1) The support, development, and operation in local communities of programs that prevent child abuse and neglect.

(2) The development of innovative local programs of education and training concerning child abuse and neglect.

(3) The promotion of public awareness of child abuse and neglect.

(4) Statewide efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

(b) Money in the infant mortality account established within the fund under section 13.5 of this chapter may be used only for projects that:

(1) support, develop, and operate programs that reduce infant mortality in local communities;



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- 1 (2) develop innovative local programs of education and training
2 concerning infant mortality;
3 (3) promote public awareness of infant mortality; or
4 (4) promote statewide efforts to reduce infant mortality.
5 (c) Money in the fund ~~may not be used to employ staff for the board~~
6 ~~and~~ may not be granted to a state or local unit of government.
7 **(d) The cost of any salary and benefits paid to staff employed**
8 **under this chapter:**
9 **(1) shall be paid from money in the fund; and**
10 **(2) may not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)**
11 **during any fiscal year.**

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